

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 are rejected.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Volftsun in view of Henderson. Claim 1 includes "... a configuration database coupled to the controller, said configuration database having stored therein a plurality of different configuration protocols for supporting a plurality of different peripheral devices ...". The references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above recited limitation of claim 1. The references do not disclose a configuration database for storing configuration protocols for supporting peripheral devices. Element 324 in Volftsun, Figure 3, is not a database. Therefore, there is no teaching in the art of how the central database of Henderson (element 306, Figure 3) could be used in Volftsun to provide the configuration database of claim 1. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1. Therefore claims 1-7 are believed to be allowable over the references of record.

It is believed that the above remarks are fully responsive to the Official Action.
Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

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